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1. WE CONCUR WITH THE PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE SANTIAGO AS A STOP FOR TWO U.S. CUSTOMS REPRESENTATIVES PROVIDED THAT THEY SPEAK FLUENT SPANISH. WE CONSIDER THE GSP SEMINAR PRESENTATION FOR CHILEAN EXPORTERS AS THE MAIN JUSTIFICATION FOR COMING HERE, AND THIS BENEFIT WOULD BE SERIOUSLY DILUTED IF THE POTENTIAL AUDIENCE WERE LIMITED TO ENGLISH-SPEAKING CHILEANS. AN ORIENTATION SESSION ON U.S. CUSTOMS FOR EMBASSY EMPLOYEES CAN ALSO BE SCHEDULED AS A USEFUL ADD-ON.

2. A TWO-DAY SEMINAR ON GSP, SPONSORED BY THE OAS, WAS HELD IN SANTIAGO IN NOVEMBER, 1977. SPEAKERS IN THAT SEMINAR INCLUDED A BUREAU OF CUSTOMS AND A STATE (ARA/EXP) REPRESENTATIVE. WHILE THAT MEETING WAS WELL-RECEIVED AND ATTENDED, CHILE'S EXPORT SECTOR GENERALLY REMAINS POORLY INFORMED ON GSP TECHNICALITIES, PARTICULARLY CUSTOMS PROCEDURES.

3. IF SANTIAGO IS INCLUDED IN THE SCHEDULE, PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT SEPTEMBER 18 AND 19 AND OCTOBER 12 ARE CHILEAN HOLIDAYS.
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